



# 2012 AMA-NATC SUPPLEMENTAL MOTOTRIAL RIDING RULES



## FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MOTOTRIAL OBSERVED EVENTS

(2012 Changes are in bold *italics*)

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## 1. RIDER REQUIREMENTS

### **A. Rider Qualifications:**

1. Riders must be 10 years of age or older and of advanced or expert caliber, riders of lesser skill shall ride only the clubman class, novice or beginner riders shall not enter.
2. The entry secretary may request a resume of any rider's experience and can refuse entry if the rider is not qualified.
3. The "wheels-in" set-up crew is forbidden from riding or minding their event.
4. Any individual that rides a section intended for use in a National competition is not allowed to participate in that competition.

### **B. Event Entry:**

1. ***All participants must complete an entry form, available from [www.mototrials.us](http://www.mototrials.us).***
2. Riders must present a current AMA membership card at each event.
3. ***All entries are non-refundable.***

### **C. Classes:**

1. Series championships are open to all classes. See Sections 8 & 9 for requirements.
2. The Pro Class is the most prestigious class in which to compete
3. The Expert classes are a transition between the Pro Class and the Support Classes. The 125-cc Expert Class is open to riders of ability suitable for riding the Expert line and 10-18-years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup>, of the current year.
4. The Expert Sportsman and Women's Expert Sportsman classes are designed to be additional transition classes. Support class sections are considered too easy for these riders. Without creating any new lines, these riders will compete on the hardest of the support sections and the easiest of the Expert sections as determined by the Trialsmaster and Sporting Steward.
5. The High School Class is an Expert Sportsman Class that is open to any rider 10-18 years of age on January 1st of the current year.
6. The Junior Class is a support class open to any rider 10-18 years of age on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
7. The Sportsman Class is a support class designed to provide a transition for riders between local and national competition.
8. The Women's Class is a support class open to any female rider.
9. The Senior (SR) Classes are support classes open to any rider who meets the minimum and maximum age requirement for that class on the day of the event. However, a senior class rider who began the series in a particular age class, and becomes age eligible for the next class, may remain in the same class, or move up to their appropriate age class if they choose. All classes shall be offered at all nationals. The classes are: SR-35-39, SR-40-44, SR-45-49, SR-50-54, SR-55-59, SR-60-64, SR-65-69, SR-70 and SR-75-Clubman line.

10. Clubman class is a class which rides an easier line than support classes. There is a Women's Clubman class and SR-75 will ride the Clubman line. (See AMA Rule book Chapter 2, item 5-A, 4-C)
11. Twin Shock Class (TS) is open to any rider and rides the Clubman line.
12. A rider may change classes only once in a season, and the new class must use a different line. This rule does not apply to the Twin Shock class. (See "different line" exception for senior classes under 1.C.9.)
13. The US Youth Trials Riders Association (USYTRA) youth classes will ride special sections with four (4) different skill levels. There will be no series rankings. The supplemental regulations for the ITS youth series are available from: Bill Markham at 719-942-3372, [www.itstrials.com](http://www.itstrials.com) or e-mail at [bill@itstrials.com](mailto:bill@itstrials.com).

**D. Garments:**

1. It is the responsibility of the rider to provide and wear a suitable riding garment properly lettered with last name printed on the back as described below. Any suitable material or configuration consistent with motorcycle competition is permitted. Long sleeve jerseys are recommended, If short sleeves are worn a 3-inch minimum sleeve length is recommended. All configurations are subject to scrutiny by the official starter and technical inspector.

**E. Lettering:**

1. Any permanent type material is acceptable, e.g. vinyl iron-on; direct silk screen, sew-on cloth, leather, embroidery, etc. Lettering must be legible.
2. Color must provide proper contrast to jersey/shirt.
3. The rider's last name must be placed on the back. The top of the letters must be approximately two inches below the collar in back.
4. Letters must be one inch minimum height; width of letter proportional to height; thickness of lines making up letters  $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch minimum.

**F. Helmet:**

1. Any AMA or FIM approved helmet is required to be worn whenever operating a motorcycle at a trials site.

**G. Minders:**

1. A bib will be issued at sign-up to each registered minder. The bib must be returned by the rider/minder when turning-in the riders' 3rd loop scorecard on the final day of an event. Failure to return the minder bib at this time will result in a DNF for the rider. The rider will be fined \$50.00 if the minder's bib is returned intentionally defaced. The bib will be retired.
2. Only one minder will be allowed for each rider.
3. A \$40.00 pre entry-fee will be required for each minder. (See 1.B.4)
4. Minder must be a current AMA member.
5. Minder's motorcycle must pass tech inspection.
6. Minder must sign all required release forms and wear approved riding apparel at all times.
7. Minder must abide by all non-competition rider rules. Minders are only allowed in the Sections when their riders are attempting a section or as otherwise allowed by the observer.

8. Approved motorcycle-type helmets (as listed in item 1.F.1.) are required to be worn by the minders while the minder is in the section and their rider is attempting the section and when riding their own motorcycle.
9. Only minders can assist other minders.
10. Minder must have a yellow number plate on their motorcycle with their rider's name and the word "minder" or "M" in black lettering.
11. Minder is not permitted to move any objects within the sections, and cannot provide a foot berm, foot kicker, or any other direct means of helping within a section, and cannot reinforce an obstacle within the section. (See 6.C.11.)
12. Minder is not permitted to influence observers or protest a call. (See 6.C.11.)

**H. Manufacturer's and Press Bibs:**

1. Two green bibs will be issued to each manufacturer to allow their personnel access to the course. A green bib does not give the wearer access into the sections for any reason.
2. Anyone issued a Manufacturers Green bib or Press bib, for access to the course must sign all appropriate liability releases at sign-up. See the Scoring Steward if sign-up is closed.
3. One (1) Yellow bib may be issued to each Press representative to allow their personnel access to the course at the discretion of the organizer. A Yellow Press bib does not give the wearer access into the sections unless authorized by the observer.
4. Failure to comply with the rules above shall result in the bib-wearer forfeiting their bib to the event organizer.

**I. Scorecards:**

1. It is the rider's responsibility to see that their scorecard is properly marked, (for both time recording and punching) and turned in on time. Lost scorecards result in disqualification.
2. Any sections not filled-in (punched) on the scorecard are considered missed sections and receive 10 points for each section not punched.

**2. MACHINE REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Number Plates:**

1. Machines must be equipped with a plainly visible, professional quality, number plate

The plate must be fixed to the front of the machine and contain the rider's name and home state in ½"inch high letters minimum. The plate background colors / class designation colors in 2-inch letters are as follows:

CLASS NAME - PLATE ABBREVIATION	No. PLATE BACKGROUND COLOR	No PLATE LETTERING
Professional – PRO	Black	White
Expert – EX	Red	White
125-cc Expert – EX-125 (Age 10-18)	Red	White
Expert Sportsman – ES	Blue	White
High School – HS (Age 10-18)	Blue	White
Women Expert Sportsman – WS	Blue	White
Women – WO	White	Black
Support Sportsman – SP	White	Black
Support Junior – JR (Age 10-18)	White	Black
Support – SR-35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70+	White	Black
Twin-Shock – TS	Green	White
Clubman – CM	Green	White
Women Clubman - CW	Green	White
SR-75 (Clubman Line)	Green	White

- Only the previous year's national class ranking may be displayed for riders competing in the same class in which ranking was earned (minimum two inches high).

**B. Technical Inspection:**

- Inspection of the machine will be part of the entry requirements.
- The technical inspection will confirm that the following are present for each participant's machine before being allowed to start:

REF.	TECHNICAL INSPECTION ITEM
A.	Front and rear brakes.
B.	No broken parts, i.e., ball end levers must be intact.
C.	<b>Motor killing device.</b>
D.	Approved motorcycle-type helmet (see item 1.F.1.), and required riding apparel.
E.	All motorcycles must not emit a sound exceeding 88 Db (A) measured at 50 feet or 96 Db (A) at 20 inches.
F.	Approved spark arrestors may be required in some locations.
G.	Front brake disc guard installed.
H.	A (1/4" minimum thickness) pad must be installed to cover the handlebar cross-brace or mounting plate.
I.	TS-Class: Twin Shock design, Air-Cooled engine, No Hydraulics, Must have Drum brakes

- For the Pro class the technical inspector will record the VIN number of each motorcycle. If a new motorcycle is to be used on a second day the new motorcycle must go through technical inspection to have the VIN number recorded. Random checks for proper VIN number will occur on course. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of the rider.

**C. Miscellaneous:**

- Events are run without regard to engine displacement, *except the 125-cc Expert Class which shall have a maximum displacement of 125-cc.*
- All motorcycles must be rear wheel drive only and use trials universal type tire, and which is commercially available to the public and fits FIM specifications.
- The same machine must be ridden throughout the event. (See 2.B.3.)



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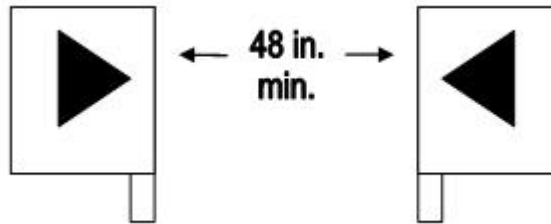
4. Participants are solely responsible for the condition and function of their machine and personal riding equipment.
5. The American Motorcyclist Association, North American Trials Council, and the event organizer do not verify the condition of vehicles, clothing, or other riding gear and accessories used in AMA sanctioned amateur competition.

### **3. COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The course shall consist of 12 sections to be laid out in a loop to be ridden 3 times. Clubman and Twin-Shock classes may be reduced to 10 sections. The exact reuse of day one sections on day two of a two day trial is prohibited. There may be Pro only sections. Example: Section 12A for support classes, section 12B for the Pro class
- B. The course shall be marked with “day-glow” pink tape and red arrows. Each arrow should be marked with the number of the next section on the loop.
- C. When there is a turn, arrows must be used.
- D. An “X” must mark caution or technical parts of the course.
- E. Two-way traffic on single lane paths is not permitted.
- F. The course must provide a reasonably easy Minder loop by-passing each section. This loop should be cleared and marked to the end of the section.
- G. Riders wishing to leave the course may do so by leaving their scorecard with a section official.

### **4. SECTION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The sections should be made up of natural obstacles such as mud, rocks, water, logs, climbs and descents, etc. Wherever possible, natural boundaries such as creek banks should be used. The section begins with “START” cards forming a gate. The sections progress through gates of 4-foot minimum width marked with NATC supplied markers. Where practical, the gates should be placed square to the path of the section and firmly attached to a stable object. A gate consisting of “END” cards marks the end of the section. Ribbons should be firmly placed 4” to 12” above the ground wherever possible. It is particularly important that start and end markers are placed upright rather than lying flat on the ground. The external boundaries must be fully ribboned.
- B. The actual width of the section may be reduced by the use of “gates” indicated by markers, as shown below, with the minimum width between these markers being 48 inches. Each side of each gate must be attached to a stable object. A piece of ribbon can be placed between the gate and the section boundary ribbon or another gate to stop riders from going backwards. The gates arrows will be Black for Pro, Red for Expert, White with black background for Support and Green with white background for clubman.



- C. The section boundaries and markers must be reasonably maintained in the condition presented to the first rider. No rider should be allowed to ride the section until it is repaired. Repair materials should be available to the observer.
- D. The sections are closed prior to the event, i.e., once national sections are marked, no contestant is permitted to inspect the sections. At the discretion of the Referee, the course may be closed as well, but in that case, signs indicating the course closure must be adequately displayed in the pit area. Riders may stop and inspect sections on foot prior to riding for score, providing their machine is parked off the course. Sections are to be separately numbered.
- E. The sections must not be so long or difficult that bottlenecks result and cause the time limit to be unfair. The sections must neither contain impossible turns, ascents, descents, nor be too difficult. Ideally, no section should require more than 50 seconds to ride. No section shall be used which has not been test ridden a minimum of five times by either the Referee or his designee to determine that layout, deterioration or weather will not render the section too difficult to rider or machine.
- F. Continuous (Double) sections are not allowed
- G. The Support & Clubman classes will ride the same course as the National Pro class, with the same time limit. National event organizers will include four lines (Pro, Expert, Support & Clubman) in all sections. Gates in a section allow the Support & Clubman classes to ride a less demanding line than the Pro class. Use as few gates as possible. Each class must ride only the line indicated by their gates.

## **5. STARTING ORDER**

- A. Riders leave for their first section on one-minute intervals in a random order chosen by a drawing.
- B. The Clubman class will start the event followed by Support, Expert Sportsmen, Experts, and lastly, Pro riders.
- C. All late entries shall start one minute before the first rider in the same class.
- D. Entries exceeding 120 may use a split start to lessen the severity of bottlenecks. (See 6.C.7. for rider penalty).
- E. In all sections, two start lines will be formed, one for the Pro class and one for all other classes. Separate entrance gates can be used where practical. Section attempts will alternate between the Pro class and all other classes.

## **6. SCORING**

The checking officials at each observed section must be stationed so the entire section is plainly visible.



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When more than one observer is required, penalties will be called to the observer at the end of the section. To ensure consistency of scoring, observers shall not be changed during the event. The observer shall show a raised, balled fist and announce "rider" in a loud voice to authorize a rider to start riding the section.

Scoring shall start when the front axle passes between the start markers and stop when the front axle passes between the end markers. The Observer will use a stopwatch and whistle to administer the rider's *1-½ minute time limit to ride the section*. The Observer will (a.) blow the whistle and start the clock when the front axle passes through the start gate. (b.) *Blow the whistle a final time at 1-½ minutes if the rider has not exited the section, or at any time the rider records a failure (Five (5) Points)*.

Any course official, including a section Head Observer, has the authority to close a section or part of the loop for unforeseen reasons such as natural disasters or rider injury. In cases when part of the field has ridden a section before it has been closed, scores for those rides must be deleted. ***Once closed the section shall remain so for the rest of the competition and the Scoring Steward and Clerk-of-the-Course must be notified immediately.***

Scoring will be based on the FIM trials scoring system as follows:

<b>ERRORS</b>	<b>PENALTY</b>
1 Fault	1-Point
2 Faults	2-Points
More than 2-faults	3-Points
Failure	5-Points
Missing a section (no Punch)	10-Points

**A. Fault Definitions:**

1. Footing - any contact providing support between any part of the rider's body or machine (exception; tires, foot pegs or skid plate) with the ground or an obstacle (tree, rock, etc.). Footing can occur either inside or outside the boundary. For tires outside the boundary refer to 6.B.15 (***Note that 'toe dabs' will be counted as footing.***)
2. Foot rotation counts as one point.
3. Sliding a foot counts as three points
4. Both feet placed on the ground simultaneously counts as two points.

**B. Failure Definitions:**

1. The machine is moving backwards with or without the rider footing.
2. ***The rider or machine makes direct contact with the marker.***
3. The rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of or behind the machine.
4. The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when footing while stationary.
5. The rider does not complete a section within the 1 1/2 minutes (90 seconds) allowed. (See 6. Scoring, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph)
6. The rider receives outside assistance.

7. The rider or minder changes the condition of a section. (See 6.C.11. & 1.G.11)
8. The rider begins a section attempt without the observer's acknowledgment. (See 6. Scoring 1st paragraph)
9. The engine stops while footing or while any other part of the machine, except for the tires, is used for support, without forward motion (The motorcycle must be moving forward while footing with a dead engine to avoid a five (5).
10. If the handlebar is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45-degrees from vertical.
11. The motorcycle does a complete loop, crossing both its own tracks, with both wheels.
12. The rider fails to pass through all the gates for their class. (See 4.G.)
13. The front wheel must precede the back wheel when passing through the gates.
14. The rider passes, in either direction through a gate of another class. That is, breaking the plane of a gate, (See 4.G. & 6.B.15)
15. When a marker is passed by either tire on the out-of-bounds side of the marker with the tire on the ground. In the case of running over a taped boundary, there must be ground visible between the tape and the tire and the tire must be on the ground on the out-of-bounds side of the tape. A gate for a class other than your own constitutes a boundary. It is permitted to float one wheel over an exterior section boundary but not both tires, i.e., jumping the bike over a boundary is a failure. The front axle must pass between the start gates and end gates. Both axles must pass through the start gate and all other gates for the class, except only the front axle is required to pass through the end gate. Riders may only pass through any gate one time per section attempt.
16. Only the greatest penalty, as defined above, shall be counted for the section. However, the following points may be added:

**C. Other Penalties:**

1. A rider may report to the observer and receive a five for that section, even though he does not attempt it.
2. Sections are to be ridden in designated order only. The penalty for missed sections or sections ridden out of order is ten (10) points per section. Any sections not 'punched' are considered to be missed sections.
3. If blank or unmarked spaces on the scorecards exceed 10% of designated rides, the rider will be considered a non-finisher.
4. A rider waiting in line to enter a section must not leave their machine. If they do, they must go to the end of the line. Refusal to comply may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. (See 6.C.8.)
5. Any section ridden more than once per loop will receive 10 points, in addition to their first attempt score. (See 6.C.8.)
6. Practice in any of the sections before or during the event will result in disqualification of the rider from the trial.
7. When a split start is employed, the rider must start and end each loop on their designated section, or be considered a non-finisher.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct, offensive behavior or language, by a rider or minder, will result in a penalty of 5 to 25 (or 100) points or disqualification of the rider and minder at the discretion of the referee. The 5 to 25

point penalty can be given at the sole discretion of any observer or course official. The 5 to 25 point penalty can be punched on the rider's scorecard in the five boxes provided. A written report must be filed with the Referee for the 100-point infraction. Repeated offenses may lead to further sanctions as per AMA rule Chapter 5, item B-3, against the rider or minder.

9. Exceeding the posted speed limit is a 5-point penalty (*for each offense*) before, during and after the event (See 6.C.8.)
10. Riders arriving late at the start will be penalized a time penalty of 1/2 point per minute until they pick up their loop card.
11. **YELLOW CARD RULE:** Any rider or their minder who refuses to obey the instructions of an observer, or who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be shown the Yellow Card. (See 1.G.12. 1.G.13., 6.B.7. and 6.C.8.) The penalty for being shown the Yellow Card is 5 points for the first offense, 5 points for the second offense and exclusion for the third offense occurring during an event. Penalty points are in addition to the points accumulated during the rider's section attempt.
12. Pro class riders will be assessed a time penalty of 1/2 point per minute for not completing their first loop within one-half the total time for the trial, plus 30 minutes. The time penalty period will be limited to 30 minutes (15 points maximum). Exceeding the time penalty period will result in exclusion from the trial. Example: (1) 6 hours 30 minutes for the trial, equals 3 hours 45 minutes for the first loop without penalty. (2) 7 hours for the trial equals 4 hours for the first loop without penalty. Time will be recorded at the final Section of the loop.
13. Violation of these supplemental riding rules by the rider or minder will result in a penalty ranging from 5 points to exclusion from the trial. If the rider refuses to present his card to the Observer for punching of the appropriate score or additional penalty or leaves the scene of the infraction, the observer shall document the circumstance and report it to the Trials Master and/or wherever possible punch the additional penalty before you punch the riding score. The appropriate penalty will be assessed by the Protest Jury. (See 6.C.8. & 6.C.11.)
14. A rider cutting the course or going backwards on the course may be disqualified at the discretion of the Referee.

**D. Protests:**

1. ***Obstruction is deemed to have occurred when a rider, attempting a section is prevented from completing a bona-fide attempt due to some unauthorized obstruction. If a rider claims obstruction the section observers decision as to whether a re-ride is permitted is final. Should a re-ride be granted the section shall be observed from the point of obstruction onwards and any points lost prior to the point of the obstruction of the original attempt will stand.***
2. It is the rider's responsibility to acknowledge their score and verify their scorecard is punched correctly at each section immediately upon completion of the attempt. Disagreement with the observer must be noted and settled, if possible, without inconveniencing or delaying other riders, while the situation is fresh in everyone's mind. Scoring protests will not be heard if the observer was not made aware of the conflict immediately after the section attempt.
3. No person may protest another riders' score.
4. A Protest Jury, consisting of the Referee, an NATC Sporting Steward and a third member designated by the Referee, shall act on all written protests and rules infractions.
5. These Protests must be in writing.

6. Only the rider can protest their own penalty.
  7. Protests must be filed with the Referee as soon as practical but not later than 30 minutes after the results have been posted. The Referee shall render all decisions on protests as soon as possible but no decision shall be made before all the pertinent observers have been interviewed. If it is not possible for the Referee to decide the protest immediately, the Referee may permit the rider and motorcycle to compete under protest, but any trophy the rider may win will be withheld pending the decision on the protest. Once made, a protest cannot be withdrawn without the permission of the Referee. All legitimate expenses to which the Referee may be put, as the result of a protest must be paid by the protesting party. The Referee may demand in advance from the protesting party a deposit sufficient to cover any such expense.
  8. Displacement protests shall follow the AMA rules Chapter 5, item D-8.
  9. Appeal of the protest decision must be made in writing to the AMA headquarters within 72 hours after such decision has been made. Event results will become official only after the organizer has had time to check results for incorrect calculations.
- E. Ties:**
1. In case of ties, including time penalty, the rider with the lowest number of points on observation will win. If still tied, the competitor with the most cleans, and then ones, twos or threes will win. If still tied, then the system of farthest cleans; ones, twos, or threes will be used. If still tied, the rider with the fastest overall time will win.

## **7. TIME LIMIT**

- A. The start time for all events will be 9:00AM local time. The time limit for each rider to complete the course will be 6 ½ hours, except the Trialsmaster may adjust for more time when coordinated with the Sporting Steward and the Scoring Steward. The start and finish section will be time checks. There is no mechanism for extended time once the event is started. After the time limit, the rider may arrive late, but penalty points will be added for arrival at the finish check after scheduled time at the rate of 0.5 points per minute. Any rider turning in his scorecard later than 30 minutes after his/her scheduled time shall be disqualified. (See 6.C.12 for first loop time limit).
- B. Official time must be kept by a digital clock, so that a rider's finish time includes all of the finishing minute, e.g., if a finishing time is 4:31 p.m., that minute holds until the digital clock records 4:32. The final time control, clearly marked and well visible shall be located just after the final section. The riders' finishing times shall be marked on their scorecards by an official at the final time control. To obtain the final score, points lost on time and points lost on observation are added.

## **8. EVENT AND YEAR-END AWARDS**

- A. **Event Awards:**  
The hosting club must provide awards for the winners of each class each day. This is a minimum required by the NATC. Have an awards ceremony each day. The Youth awards will be provided by the Youth series coordinator and given out the day after each Youth event. Finisher's awards, other than those provided by the NATC, are optional and are the responsibility of each hosting club.
- B. **Series Year-End Awards:**  
At the end of each series, special awards will be given to the champions in each class from the AMA.



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Class Championship Winner and riders completing the required number of events per rule section 9.A. or 9.B. in the same class will be awarded a year-end award from the NATC. The NATC award will be engraved with the rider's class, finishing position, event location and date.

**9. YEAR-END CLASS RANKINGS**

- A. The NATC provides the official ranking of riders to the AMA. Riders competing in less than the required number of events listed below will be ranked, but will not be eligible for an NATC year-end award.
- B. Ranking of riders in all classes other than Pro class is determined by counting their best rides in the series in the following manner: 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 6/10, 6/11, 7/12, 7/13. For example 5/6\_ the rider's best 5 scores of a 6 event series.
- C. *The Pro class is ranked by scoring ALL events in a 6-event or less series, and by throwing out 1-event from the total number of events for a series with 7 or more.*
- D. **Points System:**
  1. Championship points shall be awarded according to the following system:

POSITION	POINTS	POSITION	POINTS
1	30	6-20	Decreases 1 point per position
2	25	21-29	Decreases 0.1point per position
3	21	30-39	Decreases .01point per position
4	18		
5	16		

- E. In case of a tie on National Championship points at the end of the series, i.e., Championship points earned from the required events, and then the Championship points accumulated in the additional events will be used as tie breaker points. If still tied, the rider with the lowest overall score on observation at those events where the riders competed against each other will win. If still tied, the total number of cleans, ones, etc. at the first event of the series where the two riders competed against each other will be used. When the riders did not ride the same events and they are still tied, then the rider in the event with the largest entry in that class, meaning that he or she beat more competitors, will win. In all classes, year end National Championship ties for eleventh (11) place and beyond in the class will be listed as finishing in the same place with the following position not listed, e.g.: rider A and B both finish the year with 5 Pro points tying them for sixteenth (16) place, both will be listed as finishing in sixteenth (16) place and the next rider will finish eighteenth (18) in the class.

**10. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

- A. Supplementary regulations are special rules or requirements that will be in force for a trial. The AMA/NATC Supplemental Riding Rules and the supplementary regulations, together, inform the rider of everything needed to know to compete. Riders meetings may be used to transmit the information contained in the supplementary regulations. The number of observed sections and loops and the start time must be announced in the supplementary regulations.

## **11. OFFICIALS**

### **A. Referee / Trialsmaster**

There is not a separate individual who functions solely as the Referee. The Trialsmaster usually performs the Referee's job. Occasionally the Trials Organizer serves as the Referee. One of these individuals will be responsible for assuming the duties of the Referee as described in these rules. The Referee is in charge of the course and the sections. It is his responsibility and authority to interpret the AMA/NATC Supplemental Riding Rules and to develop the supplementary regulations. The authority for running individual national events rests entirely with the Referee for that event, as defined in the AMA rules. The Referee may designate any individual to act as his representative for a specific job, such as serving on a Protest Jury.

### **B. Trials Organizer**

The Trials Organizer is responsible for the overall co-ordination of putting on a National event. Some functions include delegating various jobs such as Trialsmaster, sign-up-crew, observers, parking-lot-layout, promotion and trophies. (See National Trials Organizer's Checklist for detailed description of all duties required of a Trials Organizer, before, during and after a National event.)

### **C. NATC Rep**

The North American Trials Council Representative is the person designated by the local Trials club to represent them at the NATC's annual meeting. At this meeting rules are reviewed and adjusted, schedules set, and Nationals awarded for the following year. It is the NATC Rep's responsibility to interpret the NATC's intent and act as a liaison between the local club and the NATC.

### **D. Sporting Steward**

The NATC Sporting Stewards have three jobs prior to the start of the event, (1) to insure that the sections and loop are appropriate, (2) to assist the organizers in fine tuning the event to make it successful and enjoyable, and (3) to insure uniform overall quality throughout the series. The Stewards must inspect the course prior to the event. If problem areas are found, the Stewards have absolute power over the sections, how they are marked, the course and time limit and are permitted to delay the start of the event until all necessary changes are made. (See NATC Sporting Steward Guidelines for specific job duties) The Sporting Steward may be empowered to use the Yellow Card penalty system with problem riders anywhere on the course at the sole request from the Trial Organizer.

### **E. Scoring Steward**

The NATC Scoring Steward oversees and advises the local club's sign-up and scoring crew on procedural and operational matters as outlined in the "NATC Scoring Information" worksheet. The Steward is responsible for tabulating the rider's scores and producing official results. The Scoring Steward shall have the power to use the Yellow Card penalty system with problem riders at the sign-up area or as necessary.

### **F. NATC Chief Operating Officer (COO)**

The COO operates as an on-site observer at all National events to identify problem areas and agenda items for the next Council meeting.

### **G. NATC Members**

North American Trials Council members other than as designated above have no authority. They may act as advisors or be designated to serve specific functions, as the Referee deems appropriate.